vae of several members of the *nigrum* group are known to develop in pods of various legumes, but natural history data are lacking for *A. sleeperi* and *A. heterogeneum,* the two species thought to be most closely related to *A. candyae.*

In conclusion, data on *Apion* are inadequate, and certain character systems that might seem suitable for cladistic analysis are insufficient. Indeed, this is one reason why *Apion* is such an enormous genus; nobody has yet discovered suitable means to divide it into discrete, natural groups. External structural characteristics and male genital characteristics have been examined in some depth, but to resolve questions of relationships it will be necessary to survey for other kinds of character systems.

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The Coleopterists Society

Minutes of Annual Meeting

The 10th annual meeting of the Coleopterists Society was held November 28, 1977, at the Sheraton Hotel in Washington, D.C., in conjunction with the national meetings of the Entomological Society of America. The meeting was chaired by President Allen who welcomed members and called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes of 1976 meeting were accepted as published in the Bulletin, Vol. 31(3), 1977.

2. Secretary Gordon reported to the membership on business discussed at the executive committee meeting held earlier, as follows. *Associate editor.*—It was proposed that an associate editor be appointed to assist Don Whitehead; this proposal was voted on and accepted. *Delinquent members.*—Terry Erwin requested permission to drop members delinquent in payment of dues; this request was approved. *Association of Systematic Collections.*—Gordon informed the committee that the Coleopterists Society has been accepted for membership in the ASC.

3. Officer's Reports.
   a. Treasurer Erwin, report appended.
   b. Editor Whitehead, report appended.
   c. Secretary Gordon reported the election results. Horace Burke is our new President-Elect; new council members are W. Wittmer, Dave Kavanaugh, and Bill Gibson.

4. Ross Arnett gave a progress report on the North American Beetle Fauna Project. He stated that the yellow version is out and gave some details on how these versions are currently prepared. Almost all major families are completed for the yellow checklist.

5. John Kingsolver reported on the Coleoptera Catalog, report appended.

6. President Allen notified the membership of the appointment of Robert Gordon as associate editor of the Bulletin, this action having been previously approved by the executive committee. President Allen also notified members of the 1978 meeting to be held in Houston in conjunction with the ESA meeting. President Allen then said that the hospitality affair following the business meeting was to be held at Ellen's Irish Pub, 1636 Connecticut Ave.

7. Henry Howden suggested an informal Coleopterists get-together on November 29.

8. President Allen installed the new president, Bob Woodruff.

9. President Woodruff thanked Tommy Allen and Frank Young for the talks presented prior to the business meeting. Woodruff appointed Henry Howden and Terry Erwin as coordinators for the proposed get-together on November 29, and appointed the following members to the nominating committee; Dan Johnson, Eric Smith, Elbert Sleeper, Dave Kavanaugh.

10. George Ball motioned to adjourn, motion seconded and approved.

—Robert Gordon
Secretary (1977)

Editor's Report

During the years 1971-1977 (Vols. 25-31), *The Coleopterists Bulletin* has grown steadily as the Society has grown in membership. Total pagination for each volume is the following: 25, 144 p; 26, 208 p; 27, 200 p; 28, 244 p; 29, 356 p; 30, 368 p; and 31, 384 p. Annual indexes have not been prepared. Since the Society maintains a supply of back issues for volumes 25 through present only, a cumulative index of some sort would be desirable, perhaps on a 5-year basis; however, preparing such an index would require more time than is available to me.

During my editorship (Vols. 30-31), 126 manuscripts were published; only 2 were rejected, although some others required major work. These volumes included 18 pages for Society business and similar material, and volume 31 included 5 pages of *The Coleopterists Newsletter*. A rough breakdown of the published articles by length and content is given in the following table.

General subject matter	1-4pp	5-8pp	9-16pp	17-42pp	Total
Systematics, morphology, distribution					
Adult	47	20	12	5	85
Larva	2	5	1		8
Life history, ecology, behavior	15	11	3		29
Techniques, technology	3	1		1	4
History of science	1				
Total	68	36	16	6	126

Having now eliminated an earlier backlog of manuscripts, and having evolved a set of what we hope are efficient procedures, we now expect to keep editorial delays to an acceptable minimum. Six of the 8 numbers published for volumes 30-31 were issued late, some by more than a month; in the future, delays in publication date should disappear, save for problems beyond the control of the editor's office. The

backlog of unpublished manuscripts has dropped to the point that the normal waiting period should not exceed 6 months. All manuscripts are now processed on receipt: acknowledgment, preliminary examination by Dr. Gordon or me, submittal for outside review, detailed examination by editor's office, return to author if needed, and prepared for printer.

For better balance and broader appeal, more articles of general interest are needed. I therefore repeat a previous plea—please do not send your best material elsewhere.

—Donald R. Whitehead
Editor (1977)

Treasurer's Report

Amendment to report of November 27, 1976.
Should read:

Income over disbursements	$92.34
Total assets carried into 1977	$14,858.61

Financial Statement November 27, 1976 to November 25, 1977.
(Auditing Committee: Joyce A. Utmar, J. M. Kingsolver, T. J. Spilman)

Assets:	
Balance from 1976 (November 27)	$14,858.61
Income:	
Page charges, separates, postage on separates charged to authors	2,417.50
Membership dues, subscriptions	6,099.85
Back issues	14.50
Interest on savings and certificate at Northern Virginia Savings and Loan (January 1, 1977 – November 7, 1977)	474.68
Bank error	2.50
	$9,009.03
Balance of credits	$23,867.64
Disbursements:	
Printers cost of Bulletin production	$8,404.86
Addressograph service and envelopes	717.57
Inkblot Co. services and materials	259.05
Second class mailing permit/postage (Woodruff, Gordon, Erwin, Whitehead)	372.80
Copycat Printers (Ballots, dues notices)	43.68
Overpayment (subscriptions) (Moore-Cottrell Agency, Ebsco Agency)	30.00
Associate Membership ASC	25.00
Service charges, Riggs Bank	3.30
Bounced check	8.00
Balance of debits	$9,864.26
Disbursements over income (NOTE: This is due to picking up 2 1976 Bulletin issues on this report rather than the usual 1, and failure of several members to pay dues on time.)	$855.23
Total assets carried into 1978	$14,003.38

—Terry L. Erwin
Treasurer (1977)

Report on Coleoptera Catalog

The taxonomic portions of the catalogs for 3 families—Heteroceridae, Cupesidae, and Platypodidae—are complete and ready for printing. Indices still need proofing.

Introductory sections which will be used in each fascicle have been written and are now being set in type. Publication of these 3 fascicles is expected by mid-1978.

John M. Kingsolver

What Should Be Published in *The Coleopterists Bulletin?*

It has been said that what appears in a scientific journal should be *new, true,* or *important.* Does that fit us?

What is our Society?

We are an organization devoted to the study of beetles. We are not a society of scientists alone, but of all people interested in the study of beetles.

Therefore, our journal should include not only what is new, true, or important, but also what is *interesting.* This is one reason why the *Coleopterists Newsletter* is included. But, to make this interesting, someone has to contribute to it. And, now that Dr. O'Brien has resigned as editor, we need someone to serve in that capacity.

These four criteria, then should be borne in mind by prospective authors: Is your article new, true, important, or interesting? Better yet, is it all four?

Who is your audience? Your present audience is the entire membership. But remember, too, that your audience will grow in the future. This means that you should always write concisely, clearly, and completely.

What happens to your manuscript?

The Coleopterists Bulletin is a refereed journal—all manuscripts are reviewed by someone outside the editor's office before publication—but because of the nature of the Society very few manuscripts are rejected. Many manuscripts, however, need some help before they are ready for publication. A brief review of the editorial process is given below. Bear in mind that this is a spare time operation, and hence that delays are likely to occur at any point along the way.

1—Manuscript received, logged, acknowledged.
2—Manuscript to associate editor for initial review and submittal to referees.
3—Manuscript and comments to editor for review, editing, and return to author.
4—Manuscript to author for correction.
5—Manuscript to editor for preparation for printing.
6—Manuscript to printer.
7—Galley proof to editor for distribution and for preparation of mock-up.
8—Galley proof to author for correction.
9—Galley proof and mock-up to printer.
10—Page proof to editor for final check.

What should be published in *The Coleopterists Bulletin*?

That is up to you. I would like a product that is balanced from the standpoints of what is *new, true, important,* and *interesting.* But, what appears in print depends on what is in the manuscripts received. What do *you* want to see in *The Coleopterists Bulletin?*

D. R. Whitehead